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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] In a telephone interview on June 16, 2008, differences between the cited art (namely Harvey and Lord) and the Application were discussed. Some of the claims are amended to clarify the differences discussed. Further claims are amended to clarify additional differences between the cited art and the Application. In addition, the claims and specification have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections, as discussed during the interview.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the title with the following:

Interactive Electronic Bubble Messaging

Substitute the paragraph [0044] at page 9, with the following:

The computer 102 preferably also contains communications connections 114 that allow the device to communicate with other devices such as remote computer(s) 116. A communication connection is an example of a communication medium. Communication media typically embody computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data in a modulated data signal such as a carrier wave or other transport mechanism and includes any information delivery media. By way of example, and not limitation, the term "communication media" includes wireless media such as acoustic, RF infrared and other wireless media. The term "computer-readable medium" as used herein includes both computer storage media and communication media.